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April 7, 1959

Dear Eric:

Thanks very much for the letter and notes and for the return of the colonial-paper. Frankly, I've been so busy with this Schulman-Kreisberg sale that I haven't had a chance to look at all of the notes that you made, just noticed a few on some of the envelopes. I have your list, and as soon as I know what I'm going to do with the group, I'll let you know. You're excused for sending it PP, only because it arrived safely. There wasn't even any insurance on it. The only way my insurance company would cover me would be if it were sent 1st class, Certified. Fortunately it got here OK, but not until yesterday, so I wasn't able to show it over the week-end. I gave the man the inventory, which he'll copy and return, and we'll have to wait until he can get to town again to see the stuff. Frankly, I don't feel like shipping it again. That Levy note was very interesting. Did he sign any other issues of the continental, or any of the state issues? I mentioned this to Mort Stack, and he said that he disagrees with you, there were two Jewish signers, but he couldn't remember the other. By the way, the plans that I had made to get out there before the convention are now all fouled up, since I just learned that the 1st night of Passover is on the 22nd. Since Chester is planning to drive to the convention, I'm going to write to him today, and propose that I drive back with him on Sunday, and spend some time with him Sunday evening and Monday. You mentioned that you'd be tied up Monday, but perhaps we can get together Monday evening, and if we still haven't bored each other, Tuesday morning, and then I can take an afternoon plane back home. Please check your calendar, and let me know how this will be with you, because I have to order plane tickets. Actually, I was going to do that today when I ran across this holiday situation.

Just rereading your letter and see that you have a fabulous memory. I didn't even remember that other group of paper. Did you have a chance to go over it? I don't remember. I know that a friend sent it to me to sell for him, and when I offered it to JJF, he had Breen go over it and he recommended the purchase. I frankly don't know what was in it. I really don't know if all of this was Chapman's stuff. The group that I bought from Mrs. B. only comprised about 1/3 of this group, and I have no way of knowing which are which now. Nor do I know the original scource of the larger group.

Am anxiuos to hear about your hot research, but, meanwhile, I finally saw a perfect die Washington Ship Halfpenny. That is, without the bulge at the water line. No, it isn't available, George Fuld has it. Please let me know as soon as possible about spending some time with me on the 27th and 28th.

Kindest regards,

Sincerely,

Richard Picker

April 9, 1959

Mr. Richard Picker
P.O.Box 366 Albertson
Long Island, New York

Dear Dick:

Just talked to Chester and he will write you. He is not sure whether he will drive or take the plane. In any event I could certainly see you Monday night following the convention.

Benjamin Levy only signed two issues of Continental currency, to my knowledge, but none of the state issues. There may be another one but I do not know of it.

Fuld and I are in constant correspondence so I hear of all his new acquisitions.

I will have available, when you come out here, items which could be used for trading purposes for the notes which you have and will be glad to show you some of theinteresting features of my new research.

I will have an article in the Numismatist in May, or June. I can't keep up with Fuld as to volume of articles.

I look forward to seeing you.

Sincerely,

ERIC P. NEWMAN

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April 15, 1959

Dear Eric:

Just wrote to Chester. Will be seeing him Sunday PM, and, if I can get him to take off some time on Mon, will spend some time with him then too. Will plan on spending Monday evening with you. At present my plane home is 4:25 PM, so, if you can spare some time on Tuesday, I'll leave it that way, otherwise, I'll try to get something earlier. Since Chester is going to Chicago, he just may not get my letter, but, I'll see him at the convention. Please do me a favor, and choose a nice hotel for me that will be convenient to both your place and Chester's, and make a reservation for me for Sunday and Monday. I just don't know enough about the city or the hotels.

Was looking over some other colonial paper, and saw another Levy signature on a $6. of 2/26/77.

In the event that I don't sell that load of paper, and I make the swap with you, I'd appreciate getting coins in return. I'll have enough paper. In the event that I make a deal to sell it all, I'll work out something whereby the other party will accept a swap that is acceptable to you, or, perhaps I'll purchase these back from him, or, hold them out and make a suitable reduction. Should this latter be the case, please give some thought as to what I should pay, or by what amount I should reduce the price for those that you want.

Still would like to have a set of photographic plates of the Virginia die Varieties. Also, some time ago you told me that you had another new die on the Fugios. Have you shot that yet?

Kindest regards,

Sincerely,

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April 17, 1959

Dear Eric:

Just a short note to go along with this R. 5 which at long last has arrived.

This is not for sale or trade, but only borrowed by me so that you can study it. It seems to be from the same die(?) as the Breen piece. Am still waiting for another one. Have you received Mrs. Norweb's piece?

Kindest Regards,

Sincerely,

Dick

Richard Picker

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DATE 4/17/59 № 2555

Eric Newman

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ITEM	INVENTORY NUMBER	PRICE
1785 Vt. R.5	C30-17	
Very flat + dark		
Casting pit holes		
Air wt 18½		
Water wt 11		
15½		
155 1785 8.3		

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April 20, 1959

Mr. Eric Newman
Ediaon Brothers Stores, Inc.
400 Washington Ave.
St. Louis 2, Mo.

Dear Eric:

Just spoke to Mort Stack, and he told me of another Jewish signner on the United Colonies Notes- Ben Jacobs, a Philadelphia merchant, who signed the Feb. 17, 1776 issue. He told me that he hasa 6$ note with his signature. I expect to see it some time tomorrow.

Kindst regards.

Sincerely,

Richard Picker.

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May 5, 1959

Mr. Eric P. Newman
400 Washington Avenue
St. Louis, 2, Mo.

Dear Eric:

Thanks for an awfully wonderful evening and please excuse the delay in acknowledging it. I only had two days to get things cleared up before registering for the New York convention, and I have only just returned fromthat.

Still nothing has been done about my Colonial paper and I saw the intended purchaser at this convention. His plea was that he has just been too busy to go over the listings and I told him that if he doesn't make his decision by the time I return from Cleveland, I would start handling it myself at retail. Frankly, after considering it, I don't think that the figure I mentioned is so far out of line. If he buys it, that would only be part of the answer, but if I handle it myself at retail, I think I will be able to prove it.

In any event, I wish you would get together what coins you would want to trade ~~and the~~ pieces that you want and forward them for my approval, so that I might know how to act whatever happens.

I know that Barnsley has sent me a number of different bits of information, such as the enclosed, and it just takes some time before I can dig it out.

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However, you may have this one in the meantime and please don't return it to me. You be the researcher.

I am anxiously awaiting to see some of the articles in print and was hoping that in your spare (?) time, you will get to the Virginia plates.

Kindest Regards,

Sincerely,

Richard Picker

P. S. Enclosed also are some copies of Ken Bressett's information onthe Vermont Ryder 5 along with a new photo. In addition, there is a photo of a new discovery of the Massachusetts cent and after checking with Bowers and Bressett, we believe this would be Obverse 15. Any comments?

RP

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May 11, 1959

Mr.Richard Picker
P.O.Box 366
Albertson, Long Island, New York

Dear Dick:

Thank you very much for the Ryder 5 information. Shurtleff had a reputation for collecting certain bad coins and I am glad Bressett reached the conclusion that Ryder 5, at best, is a contemporary counterfeit.

As to the Barnsley data, it is most interesting, and, even though I had it in my files, it gave me some new thinking on a certain portion of the subject.

I have an idea with respect to the Virginia plates. Suppose I work up this material. Would you like to sell prints from the plates? I would gladly do all the work and would merely want to control the negative and be reimbursed for the cost of making it into prints. The Eric P. Newman Numismatic Education Society would distribute these.

As to the Colonial paper money, you will have to price them first. I don't think your customer has any idea of buying the group for anywhere near the price you suggested to him and that you are suffering from hallucinations of grandeur as to their value. If you price them individually I will tell you immediately if I have any interest in all of them or a part of them and will then dig out coins. If you prefer first to offer other parts of the collection to others to see whether they will bring the fancy price you think they are worth you certainly could do that and delay our transaction until a subsequent date.

You certainly are running all over everywhere.

Cordially yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN

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May 20, 1959

Mr. Eric P. Newman
Edison Brothers Stores Inc.
400 Washington Avenue
St. Louis, 2, Mo.

Dear Eric:

Thanks very much for your letter which arrived just as I was leaving for the Cleveland Convention. Hence the delay in answering. I am still waiting for another Ryder 5 so that you may inspect it. At my first opportunity I will dig out some other choice bits of data that Ned Barnsley sent me from time to time.

I would be glad to try to sell the plates but frankly I don't know how much of a market there would be for them. I know I could use one, and can think of about another half dozen people who would appreciate them, and after that it would be strictly up to those who had answered an ad, but you do all you can and I will go along with whatever suggestions you have.

Regarding the Colonial paper money, my customer was not able to get to the Cleveland Convention. I will therefore have to make another appointment with him that will be convenient for both of us. That may be in the next week or two. In any event I asked you not to consider the price that I had in mind but to consider what you felt those you wanted were worth to you and forward whatever coins you felt you could spare that would be a fair trade. By doing this we leave the dollar and cents angle out of it completely and it is a much more personal transaction. If I don't sell them, I will be happy to handle it that way, and if the sale goes through, this may even work out, and if not we will work out some other basis. In any event please try

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to do it this way and keep me from pricing stuff that I know nothing about.

After the Cleveland Convention I spent some time with Mrs. Norweb and looked over a good number of her coins. I found some very interesting combinations in the Massachusetts silver about which I think you should know. I have asked her to advise you of them. Though they are difficult to attribute, I am quite certain that she has a Willow Tree shilling, the obverse die 2 and reverse die A. She has notes on all of these things and I only hope that she forwards them to you. She again promised to forward her Ryder 5.

Also, Dave Bowers uncovered another new reverse of the fugios which she now has and which he calls Reverse KK (with obverse 12). I have check it and though it is similar to K, it is not exactly it, nore does it match anything else. He promised me a photo of it and I assume that he will send one to you as well.

Kindest Regards,

Sincerely,

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May 27, 1959

Dear Eric:

While waiting for a reply to my last letter, I'll get this quick one off to you.

The enclosed coin(?) was sent to me for checking. I'm almost certain that it's a cast, but the sharpness of it confuses me. What's your opinion? The piece isn't for sale. I remember that error I made on that Willow, thinking it was a cast, and now, I'm a little afraid of doing the same thing.

Still nothing new on my paper money deal, but I'm expecting an answer any day now. As soon as I receive it, I'll notify you.

I spoke with Mrs. Norweb the other day, and reminded her to send you her notes, and she promised that she would as soon as she's had a chance to organize them.

As I recall, you mentioned that you were taking a European trip this year. When do you leave, and when do you return?

Kindest regards,

Sincerely,

Richard Picker

P.S. I have a silver Immune here for checking, and for some reason suspect it to be one of the most deceptive electros that I've ever seen, but, it probably is genuine. I've written for permission to forward it to you for examination, and if that permission is forthcoming, you'll see it soon.

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Eric Newman

for ~~APPROVAL~~ Checking

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		C31-8				

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Inspection

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	ITEM	INVENTORY NUMBER	PRICE			
	1785 Immune Cal.- Silver	C31-18				

June 8, 1959

Mr. Richard Picker
P.O.Box 366
Albertson, Long Island, New York

Dear Dick:

The Immune Columbia, in silver, arrived and I want to know where the owner obtained this coin and how long he has had it. It is not the specimen in the Bushnell sale or in several other sales where I can find a picture of the coin. Could this be from the Prann collection? Its identification is rather important because as you no doubt have noticed its edge milling is artificial.

Kindest regards.

Cordially yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN

EPN/atb

6/10/59

Dear Eric:

am writing today for possible pedigree on Silver Immune but doubt that there will be any info other than that on slip of paper with coin (Moerling call. I believe) But — though milling is artificial — is the coin good???

Sincerely

Dick

June 11, 1959

Mr. Richard Picker
P.O.Box 366
Albertson, Long Island
New York

Dear Dick:

My letter of June 8, 1959 might have frightened you about the Immune. The reeding on the edge is put on normally but then has been slightly filed or tooled in some sections. It is not a serious defect.

Sincerely,

ERIC P. NEWMAN

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June 16, 1959

Mr. Eric P. Newman
Edison Brothers Stores, Inc.
St. Louis 2, Missouri

Dear Eric:

Thanks for the letter allaying my fears on the Immune. However, I don't own the coin, and only have a faint chance of being able to purchase it if it turns out to be genuine. I've written to the owner, asking when and where he acquired it, and as soon as he replies, will forward the information to you. Meanwhile, in plain English, please tell me whether or not you consider it genuine, plus any other information that you might be ableto give on it, and I'll start negotions as to its purchase.

Enclosed is another tough one. At first glance, especially after ringing, this cent would appear to be an electro. However, after examining it more carefully, I feel that it has a good chance of being genuine, and that the seam(?) around the edge could be a crack in the planchet, which would give it that dull ring. Please give this one a careful going over, and, if possible, I'd appreciate it very much if you could take the specific gravity, and/or any other tests that won't damage the piece in order to arrive at a considered opinion. This is one that I own. I purchased it with the understanding that it may not be genuine, but I took the chance.

What ever happened to that Washington piece? What did you decide about it? Did Mrs. Norweb ever send her R. 5? When do you go on vacation?

Kindest regards,

Sincerely,

Dick

Richard Picker

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1785 3' F3 !

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	ITEM	INVENTORY NUMBER	PRICE			
	1793 1¢ S3	147-14				

June 19, 1959

Mr.Richard Picker
P.O.Box 366
Albertson, Long Island
New York

Dear Dick:

I am returning the Immune Columbia in silver with accompanying letter.

There is also being returned the 1791 Washington President in pot metal. It is just a regular cast.

I am returning the 1793 chain U.S.cent. It weighs 218½ grains, which is in excess of the 208 grains which it should weigh, when new, and 204 grains which it should weigh, in worn condition. The specific gravity is 8.74. I have never seen the edge design put on a phony coin before and it certainly looks as though the leaves of the vine are genuine. It is, therefore, possible that the coin could just be overweight. The crack on the edge does not look like ordinary electro cracks and does not go very far around the coin. If I had to guess I would say that it looks more genuine than counterfeit.

I have not received the Ryder 5 from Mrs. Norweb so I presume she is probably travelling somewhere.

I do not plan to go on vacation until at least the middle of July and I certainly will be back by the middle of August.

I am sending you an extra copy of the important plates from the monograph of the Good Samaritan, for your convenience.

My very best wishes to you.

Sincerely,

ERIC P. NEWMAN

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EDISON BROTHERS STORES, Inc

June 19, 1959

Mr. Richard Picker
P.O.Box 366
Albertson, Long Island
New York

Dear Dick:

My comments on the Immune in silver are frightening.

The size of the coin is virtually the same as the early U.S. quarters. The reeding is the same as on the quarters. This is true of all pieces I know.

In the coin you sent there is a raised double band under the second O of CONSTELLATIO. It is identical in angle and position to a position of the drapery on the early U.S.quarters. This is on no other I know of.

In the coin you sent there is a raised dot between the folds of the flag. This is in the identical position of the berry on the branch on the reverse of the U.S.quarter. (The reverse would have to be diagonally offset from the obverse). This is on no other I know of.

There is no reason for the existence of a silver Immune as it conforms to neither the Morris plan, Jefferson plan, or U.S. mint weights. Those I know range in weight from 90 to 94 grains.

It therefore appears probable that all silver Immunes and gold Immunes are restrikes from genuine dies using U.S. quarters (silver) buffed down on the surfaces and English guineas (gold) beaten down. There is no basis to challenge the copper ones.

The Edwards' counterfeit is apparently a restrike from a different pair of genuine dies and struck on a Victorian florin.

The coin you sent is not the Bushnell piece as the insert indicates.

COPY

June 19, 1959

This information is given to you in confidence and is not to be published or disclosed to any others, except the owner of the coin, if you wish, and on condition he does not disclose it except to a purchaser of the coin.

Please check these thoughts and let me know what you think.

Sincerely,

ERIC P. NEWMAN

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June 22, 1959

Dear Eric:

79½ gr this is

Your theory on the silver immunes sounds logical and certainly is frightening. I've sent the copy of your letter to the owner of the coin, and I feel certain that he'll respect the confidence. Meanwhile, here's another specimen. This one is much lighter and thinner, and has been holed and plugged. This, to me is one point against your theory. If they were deliberately made to be rare coins, they would most probably have been sold as such, and for a fairly decent price. If such was the case, why would anyone hole a coin that was bought as rare? This piece will not lend much to the investigation since it is so thin that assuming it was ground down from a quarter, probably all of the undertype is gone. However, there is one suspicious spot. A raised diagonal over the star before C of CONSTELLATIO. On the specimen that you just returned to me, there is another spot at the left corner of the cap, which I don't see on this worn specimen. If the one on the fold is a berry, this could almost be the period after 25C., and since there are so many die varieties, it might just be that, or, perhaps, the top of that C. At any rate, in view of this theory, I'll get busy and try to borrow a few more.

Thanks for the information on the chain cent. But, you are indefinite as to just what it is. What does a specific gravity of 8.74 indicate? I also guessed that it looked more genuine than counterfeit, that's why I took the chance and purchased it, but, before I resell it, I'd like to be certain that I'm selling a genuine. Can you suggest any further tests that would prove it conclusively one way or the other? I'vejust recalled something that might help in the Immune investigation. The police dept uses some sort of an ultra violet method for determining the original serial number on stolen cars, where such number has been ground off. Perhaps some such method can be used to see if there ever was an undertype on these coins. I'll check. I'm trying to reach an old friend, who's still a detective on the N.Y. force. If he can be of any help, we may have something.

It is genuine

Now, I'd better get this off to you. Thanks for the extra set of plates, and if I didn't mention it before, I think that the monograph is a masterpiece.

Kindest regards,

Sincerely,

Dick

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	ITEM	INVENTORY NUMBER	PRICE			
	1785 Immune Columbia Silver	1417-31				

June 26, 1959

Dear Dick,

The 1793 cent which you sent me is, in my opinion, genuine. The 8.74 specific gravity is normal. I know of no other tests and don't waste your time with ultra-violet investigations and police work.

From the desk of
ERIC P. NEWMAN

June 26, 1959

Mr. Richard Picker
P.O.Box 366
Albertson, Long Island,
New York

Dear Dick:

I am returning herewith, with much thanks, the silver Immune Columbia with the plugged hole. It weighs 79½ grains which you can see is at tremendous variance from the 94 grain weight of another specimen and the 90½ grain weight of still another. The specific gravity is 9.35 which is satisfactory. This particular coin was in the following sales: Maris, Winsor, Wilcox and Jenks.

A number of casts have been made of this coin. The reason it was holed was so that somebody could wear it around their neck.

In my opinion these restrikes were made early in the nineteenth century, certainly before 1840, when coins of this nature had little value and they were just made for collectors amusement. That is why they did not bring a price. The edge is, again, the same as the U.S. quarter and the same as the other specimens of the Immune in silver. The variation in weight confirms more and more my thought that all of these coins in silver were restrikes.

I cannot reach any conclusion about the raised diagonal bruise over the star in front of "C" of CONSTELLATIO. It is not clear enough and might have been from an accidental planchet bruise.

Thank you, again, and again, for sending this specimen to me for examination.

Sincerely yours,

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June 30, 1959

Dear Eric:

Thanks very much for this latest letter. Also the note about the cent that puts my mind a little more at ease, and somewhat bolsters my opinion of my judgement, especially after Breen and Ford said that they wouldn't touch it. I'm beginning to share your suspicions about the silver Novas. I'll try to borrow a few more for study. Cyril Hawley has a pair, in bronze and silver, and when I tried to borrow them some time ago, he told me that they were on exhibit. If you haven't as yet seen them, you can write to him directly, or, if you'd prefer, I wouldn't mind at all trying again. Let me know.

Now, here's another piece right down your alley. I'm quite convinced that this is a phoney. For one thing it doesn't have a struck appearance in the sharpness of the letters. Another giveaway is the weight, which is about 315 3/4 grains, when it should be about 240. The edge, though designed, is not anything like the original design. I thought that you might like to see it. It certainly is a dangerous forgery for the uninitiated. This is not my piece, itis borrowed from a friend and customer, who will no doubt return it to the dealer from whom he purchased it. In my position as a dealer, it doesn't look nice for me to run down some other dealer's merchandise, even if it is bad. If you wouldn't mind standing behind a statement, I'd appreciate it if you would write a separate note concerning it, addressed to "To whom it may concern". Though I'm not certain, I believe that the dealer who sold this is W.E. Johnson of California. Of course, if you'd rather not, I'll understand, and will just tell the owner of our conclusions.

Kindest regards,

Sincerely,

Richard Picker

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DATE 6/30/59 Nº 2675

Eric Newman

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ITEM	INVENTORY NUMBER	PRICE
1776 Cont. Dollar	C32-11	—
Please return via Certified Mail		

MEMORANDUM

I have examined a ContinentalDollar, being variety N. 1(1)-A. It weighs 315½ grains which is 20% too heavy. Its specific gravity is 8.1. Its design and letters are flat rather than sharp from other than wear. It has air pockets from casting, particularly around WE ARE ONE. The edge is nurled with a design of indented diamonds instead of having a struck double leaf design. The coin from which this cast was made had a dent over the S of S.CAROLIN which moved the ring line so as to touch the S. This defect was naturally picked up in the reproduction.

From the foregoing it is clear that the coin is a rather excellent cast.

ERIC P. NEWMAN

July, 1959

July 6, 1959

Mr. Richard Picker
P.O.Box 366
Albertson, Long Island,
New York

Dear Dick:

The false Continental dollar is returned herewith along with multiple copies concerning it.

Thanks for sending it to me.

Sincerely,

ERIC P.NEWMAN

EPN/atb

8/27/59

Dear Eric:

Please drop me a note, and let me know that you're back from your vacation (if you are). I have a few interesting things to show you. Heard from the owner of that nice Immune in Silver, but he wants much too much for it. Cyril will send me his immunes when he returns from vacation, and I'll forward them to you. Harley Freeman's article on Colonial paper is at the printers. Nothing else new. Kindest regards, How was Russia?

Sincerely,

Richard Picker

A.N.A. A.N.S.

Richard Picker

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September 3, 1959

Dear Eric:

Nice hearing from you again, and I'm happy to hear that they let you out.

Here are a few things that might amuse you for a while. The Delaware note, 2/28/46 is one that you saw before, but, I sent the entire group to Harley Freeman to study, and he mentioned on the envelope that this was the wrong date. He didn't mention what it was. What do you make it out to be? The other 4 notes belong to a local dealer, and I took them to check. The Yorktown is a counterfeit as per your monograph, and I thought you'd like to see it, along with the others. The cancelled one is peculiar in that I've never seen a cancelled continental before. In the coin line, here's a very nice Higley, except for the hole. I'm convinced that it's genuine, and hasn't been retooled, but since someone questioned the fact that it may have been worked on, I'd like your opinion. It's double struck too. Next is what I think is a new Virginia piece. I'm also anxious for your opinion on this. By the way, have you done anything about making up plates? If you want to make up a number of them and sell them in order to defray the cost, I'll do my best to sell them for you. Your magnetism has also drawn these other two coppers to you for study. They belong to a N.Y. dealer, and I borrowed them to show to you. There may be a few other things around here that you might like to see, but, I can't think of them at the moment, so, have fun with these, and I'll write to Cyril now for his Immunes. By the way, that last silver one that you examined was finally offered to me for $1,000. I wished him luck with it.

Yes

Borrowed

Why not

Kindest regards,

Sincerely,

Dick

Richard Picker

Reprint

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DATE 9/3/59 № 2764

Eric Mawson

APPROVAL

ITEM	INVENTORY NUMBER	PRICE			
10 Shill Delaware 2/28/46					
4 Continental Mates					
1737 Higley 3d					
1773 Virginia 1/2d					
2 Needles found in a hogstack					

September 11, 1959

Mr.Richard Picker
P.O.Box 366
Albertson, Long Island, New York

Dear Dick:

You always provide one with lots of things to think about and I really enjoy it. One of your agents advises me that you wish a reprint of my Vermont article and the same is enclosed.

The Delaware bill which you sent me was unreadable as to date as only the "9" in the year of the reign of George II is legible. The bill, therefore, must be his 19th year or his 29th year. If it does not match with the bills of his 19th year, namely, 1746, then it must be of the issue of May 1, 1756.

The Continental cancelled note is reasonably unusual because most of them were burned, according to the records. The $40 Continental is the most common of the counterfeits and is a nice specimen, really crude. The other two Continental bills are routine. All of these are being returned.

I am returning the two counterfeit halfpence which I was very glad to examine and please thank whoever turned them over to you to send to me. These are both Machins Mills pieces, both done in 1787 even though one is dated 1778.

I am returning the Granby piece which is perfectly genuine and I could murder the Indian, or otherwise, who drilled the hole in it. Maybe it was worn as a piece of jewelry for quite a while. Perhaps the man with the drill did not believe the motto "I am Good Copper".

The Virginia piece certainly looks new to me and I have another new Virginia piece which I have recently heard about. I will keep the Virginia piece until I take its picture and afford it the treatment it deserves.

September 11, 1959

Mr. Richard Picker

There is nothing I can do about the prices you dealers ask. If Riggs offered you the Immune for $1,000 he is merely doing to you what you would do to him. If it doesn't sell the price will come down. If it does sell the price is established. Such is luck.

I look forward to receiving Cyril's pieces and if you want me to write him direct, I will.

Keep up the good work.

Sincerely,

ERIC P. NEWMAN

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September 15, 1959

Dear Eric:

We've been lucky again. Your package arrived safely! What do you have against the P.O. Dept., or what sort of divine faith do you have in them, to never bother to insure anything. I try to make things so easy by carrying a special type of insurance, which covers me up to $5,000. for any one package when sent via Certified Mail, which only costs 20¢ plus 1st class postage. Please, don't worry me like this in the future. Confidentially, when speaking with Cyril one time, he mentioned that he now hesitates to send things to you because you dont insure the return. Frankly, I couldn't do anything but agree with him. This is true, but I wouldn't want you to mention it to him, he just might not like the idea of me mentioning it. I carry insurance on my stock, but it isn't covered if it isn't handled in the manner specified.

Now to your letter. I'm glad you like the things I send. Will be on the lookout for a few more. I don't know which of my agents told you I wanted a reprint, but I do have a customer who asked me to try to get a reprint of Walter's piece. He only collects gold, and wanted it for the Brasher part. However, yours will come in handy thanks, since I'm trying to build a library for a new colonial collector, and I'll give this to him. You had previously sent me an autographed copy which is still in my library, and will remain there. I had figured that much out of the Delaware note, and sent it on so you could compare it with both issues, presuming you had them both. This is the only 10 s. I have of 1746, and I have none of 1756. Harley Freeman is the one who spotted that it was in error, so I'll see what he says about it. I've thanked both the owners of the Continental notes and the M/M pieces, and they are now on the way back to them. Glad they were of help to you. Is it possible that the cancelled continental note was taken in by one of the states in error, and cancelled by them?

That Indian is on my "want list". But, I think that by this time he's bitten the dust. I believe that it was worn for some time as jewelry, because upon examining the hole carefully, both the obverse and reverse are slightly indented at the point nearest the edge, and the inside of the hole is cleaner between these two points than the balance. Also, the fact that all that metal was pushed thru and flattened out, in addition to the many circular scratches around the hole on the other side, leads me to believe that it was not done with a cutting drill, but perhaps in the old Indian fashion with stick and string. We're now studying holes too!!

Happy to hear that the Virginia is a new one. Will appreciate a print of it, as well as one of your own new one. Or, do you plan to incorporate them in a new plate, as you did with the Fugios? This is a hint, and I can hardly wait.

No comment on your dealer comment, it would take pages.

By the way, I've done nothing with that group of Colonial paper that I have aside for you, except to ask Harley Freeman if he wanted me to ask you for permission for him to examine it for study purposes. His answer was that it wasn't necessary. So, it's still unopened. You know much more what's in there than I do, and I don't want to even try to put a price on it. It would be so much simpler for both of us if you would put together some duplicate coins that you feel would be a fair trade, and I feel certain that it will be. That New Jersey 3-C would be a good starting point. So let's get a group together, and forward them.

Kindest regards, and thanks again for the reprint,

Sincerely,

Richard Picker

Definition from Webster's New International Dictionary unabridged:

Pistareen - A debased two-real piece of Spain, first issued early in the 18th century. It circulated in Spain, the West Indies, and the U.S. as 1/5 of the old piece of eight, or dollar. After 1827, it fell to seventeen cents in the U.S.

Dear Eric:

This was given to me some time ago, and I thought that you might like it.

Please drop me a line when you return from what I hope was a very pleasant vacation, and we can start our correspondence again. I have a few things to show you.

Sincerely,

Dan

Richard Pickers

New Double Eagle issued.

The new St. Gaudens $20 gold piece has just made its appearance, the first issue from the Mint having been made on Tuesday, and it is a beautiful and artistic coin in striking contrast to the ugly $10 piece recently issued. The double eagle bears no one side a beautiful eagle flying over a sunburst, the obverse side bearing a finely modeled head of the Goddess of Liberty standing, the other figure, one both in high relief, the coin being concave on each side and nicely milled. As a whole it is a splendid example of mint work but appears more like a medal than a circulating medium. About 120,000 of them have already been distributed. 12-5-1907

three years ago.

WORLD'S BEST BANK NOTE

It Was the "Original Four Hundred," and It Led to Oil.

Special to "The Record."

Bradford, Pa., March 9.—Bradford probably has the most suggestively, if not enthusiastically valuable "bank note" ever issued. It was dated January 1, 1852, and signed for S. M. Kier, proprietor. The note was not currency, it was not even a promise to pay; it had already been paid out of the "Bank of the Allegheny River, four hundred feet below the earth's surface."

It lay in the window of a Broadway apothecary on a sultry summer day in 1857, when a New York lawyer, George H. Bissell, came mopping his brows under the shelter of the awning. As his eyes fell upon it he mistook it for a genuine $400 note issued by the Bank of the Allegheny River.

Correcting his blunder, he continued to read until he saw, in the "dim vision of the future," a great industry loom up before him, and he read in the note not dollars, but petroleum, and not feet, but oil. And it flashed upon his mind that they "must drill artesian wells for oil."

Oil was known to have oozed out of the bank of the river for 250 years. The white man had been making some use of it for a dozen years. Bissell had dreamed of it for four. Now, men had been drilling for salt for 50 years. In many wells to their regret, offensive oil permeated the salt water. But nobody had thought of drilling for oil commercially. Bissell read it on the face of the "Four hundred feet on the Bank of the Allegheny River."

The brilliant initiative man, tested on an idea in Oil Creek, 18 miles from Warren in America, the recognized home of the Allegheny River, 1859, was been for thousand [illegible] dollars in the production of oil.

This is why it is said that the accompanying $400 note is the most valuable of its [illegible] in a study of its [illegible] in America.

FIRST, SECOND OR THIRD.

[illegible] Record.

NOTE THAT LED TO FOUR THOUSAND MILLIONS

3-10-1907

September 21, 1959

Mr. Richard Picker
P.O.Box 366
Albertson, Long Island
New York

Dear Dick:

I regret to report that the Virginia halfpenny sent me is a 7-D. It is the first one I have seen with a die injury resembling a period following the "S" on the obverse. The die was pretty worn at the time this coin was struck. The reverse is easily identifiable by the die break from the paw of the large lion in the upper left hand of the shield having a break to the division line.

As far as insurance is concerned, did it ever occur to you how much trouble it is for me to go to the Post Office and have these items insured. If they are ever lost I will have to pay for them if no one else has insurance coverage.

Tell Cyril I will have Brinks Service deliver his coins back to him if he wishes.

Sincerely,

ERIC P. NEWMAN

EPN/atb

And this is adding insult to injury

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September 23, 1959

Dear Eric:

Thanks for your letter, and the return of the Virginia. I tried to check it to the plates, and can just about see what you mean about the break pinning it down to reverse D, but that doesn't automatically make it obverse 7. Even discounting the period, and calling it a die injury (which is only possible, and not proven), It seems to me that it isn't obverse 7. For one thing the placement of S over the head on this one, rather than almost over the leaf on 7, and the distance of S from the head seem to be obvious. Also, the R in GEORGIVS seems to tilt a little left, and a straight edge held against the upright of R that R, hits a higher point on the opposite edge than it does when the straight edge is placed on the plate. Actually, it more resembles obverse 8, but the IIIs don't match up. Here it is again to play with a little longer. Perhaps it is as you say, and if that is so, then I really do NEED photographic plates. How about that, at one time you were on the verge of making them.

You've never said anything about those colonial notes that I have aside for you. They're still here, just waiting for you to say something. You know that I prefer a trade for coins, and you know that you have the sort of coins that I can use, in duplicate, so why not get something together for me. Or, at least give me an idea as to what you have in mind to do about them, if anything.

Insurance. So it is a little trouble to get to the P.O. As far as I'm concerned, the P.O. is a daily stop for me, and it's no extra trouble, but for other people such as Cyril, etc. it's just as much trouble for them to go in order to insure the things they send. How can you say that you'll pay for them if they're lost. You may have a very poor opinion of some things that are sent to you, where the owner places a high value on them. What would have happened if Riggs Immune was lost? He's asking $1,000. for it, though neither of us believes that it's worth that. I have a high regard for all that Colonial paper, and you don't. When I told you that I was working on a deal to wholesale the entire 3,000 odd pieces for $15,000. you thought I was nuts. Well, it didn't sell that way, and after selling a small quantity of it so far, it seems that if and when the balance is sold, the total amount should be closer to $30,000. This is based upon the prices I've been getting for the items sold so far. So, what would have happened if they were lost?

I spoke to Cyril a few weeks ago, and then had a letter from him. It seems that his wife is ill, and he has other things on his mind at the moment, but he'll send them when it's more convenient.

Kindest regards,

Sincerely,

Dick

Richard Picker

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DATE 9/23/59 № 2790

Eric P. Newman

APPROVAL

	ITEM	INVENTORY NUMBER	PRICE			
	1773 Va	153-7				

September 28, 1959

Mr. Richard Picker
P.O.Box 366
Albertson, Long Island, New York

Dear Dick:

You are going to like this letter. I don't know whether to apologize, or eat crow, or hang my head - but -

1. You are absolutely right on the obverse being new on the Virginia piece. I noticed the difference and then forgot about it.

2. For you to pay postage due on my letter is really funny. Accordingly, I am sending you a $5 postage due stamp to remind you of what I had to pay and I am replacing that nasty 7¢.

A.N.S. have asked me to give the fall lecture at the Society and to speak on an American subject. If I do would it be proper to invite members of some of the coin clubs around New York? It apparently is on a Saturday afternoon, November 14, and it occurred to me that you could tell me how well attended these are or whether non-members would attend, if asked. I will probably talk on Machin's Mills and New York coinage generally.

Your allegation that the Colonial paper money, for which you paid not more than $2500 is worth $30,000 impresses me like Khrushchev's statements.

I am sure we will be able to work out something for the items I want but I will not place a value on them.

"Crow" tastes good!

Sincerely,

ERIC P. NEWMAN

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NY token
PGula token

September 30, 1959

Dear Eric:

Thanks for the letter, and the stamps. I appreciate the $5. postage due, because I save all of these odd ones for the kids in the neighborhood, and that's probably higher than any of them have. Was that from one of my packages? The 7¢ one was unnecessary, and since it has no glue (perhaps a rare variety), is herewith returned. I just heard of a medal, the Betts #614 that you mentioned in the Fugio booklet. I have no idea as to its rarity, nor any information on it. Is it a worthwhile piece to go after? I'm enclosing a Rhode Island in pewter. I've always suspected these pieces, and don't know any way in which they can be judged genuine or phoney. I'd certainly appreciate your opinion on it.

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Glad to hear that the Virginia obverse is really new. I guess it pays to double check opinions. Now, how about real plates on that series?????

Just spoke to Henry Grunthal at the ANS, and he said that not only would it be perfectly OK for you to invite non-members to the meeting, but if you would submit a list to them, they would be happy to send invitations to your friends, I hope that you decide to give the talk, and if you do, please plan to arrive in N.Y. a few days before if possible. For one thing, the N.Y. club meets the night before, on Friday the 13th, and you'd probably enjoy that. Also, I'll be looking forward to spending some time with you out here if possible. We don't use Brasher spoons, but I'd be most happy if you could find the time to come to dinner one evening, and spend the evening. I do have one interesting book that I know will tickle you.

Club

Book

Regarding the Colonial paper. For one thing, there were two large groups involved, and the one about which you knew previously was about half the size of the 2nd. My cost was quite substantial, but that's besides the point. After those two groups, I've added quite a bit to it from auction sales, etc., and have come up with some really nice pieces and have discovered what I have to pay for the better ones. Also, from the experience I've had in selling the few things that I did so far, I estimate that if and when it's all sold, it will realize about $30, 000., and I still think so. But, this is also besides the point. I didn't ask you to place a value on ~~those~~ the entire stock, nor did I ask you to place a value on those that you want. You know what the group that you want is worth to you, and you also know what duplicates in coins that you have are worth to you. All that I asked you to do was to choose some duplicates that you think I'll like, that you think is comparable value, and offer them in exchange. I think you'll be fair, and I'll TRY to be fair, and it should work out much better than me having to put a price on it, and then you putting a price on your coins, and perhaps both of us disagreeing as to values. If you still will not do this, let me know, and I'll sit

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down and try to put a price on them for you. If you make me do this, let us agree to one thing now. You'll either accept or reject it, no discussion about it. I hate haggling about price. I know full well that if I have to price it I'm apt to be high, and I also know that if I see some nice coins in front of me, I'd be more apt to just OK the deal. If I price them and you reject them, I won't feel badly. I know there are a lot of things there that nobody but you would want, but there is a lot of highly saleable material there in the Franklin notes, which always bring a good price. By the way, you might like to hear of the stuff I've recently purchased. a crisp unc note, Pa 6/18/64 3d, plate B, signed by Abel James, and a VF of 4/25/59 plate C. Also, another Morton note, a crisp unc Hart, and 2 nice James Wilsons. By the way, have you ever seen one of these notes. It came in with a group that I recently purchased. Interesting? It even seems to have seen some circulation.

Kindest regards,

Sincerely,

Richard Picker

RICHARD PICKER

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DATE 9/30/59 № 2805

Eric Newman

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	ITEM	INVENTORY NUMBER	PRICE			
	N.Y. Note	154-16				
	Rhode Island Pewter	147-37				

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October 1, 1959

Dear Eric:

I meant to send this to you yesterday, but it slipped my mind. Could this plate possibly be one of the genuine originals? I have no facilities to see how it would print, xxx so cannot judge anything definite. I've checked all of the notes that I have of this issue, and they all seem to be from the same plate, all showing a defect or period to the right and under the V of the date. Also, on the enclosed note, there is more ornamentation to the left, than is shown on the plate. Could this possibly be original, and one that either wasn't used, or one of which I don't have an example? I borrowed it from a dealer at the Youngstown convention, and he didn't represent it as being genuine or false. He just didn't know. I'd appreciate your opinion very much.

Kindset regards,

Sincerely,

Richard Picker

P.S. Henry told me that those ANS meetings usually attract about 50 - 75 people.

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DATE 10/1/54 № 28

Eric Newman

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	ITEM	INVENTORY NUMBER	PRICE		
	4/10/74 Maryland $6 -				
	Copper plate for above note				

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October ~~10~~ 5, 1959

Dear Eric:

Just a quick note in Haste. Just received this from Cyril, and his other two will follow shortly. Also, just remembered where I saw that copper plate that I sent you last week. Ken Bressett made them up some time ago as souvenirs or something, and I had forgotten all about it, but knew that when it was offered to me that I had seen it before. Just couldn't remember the circumstances. So, don't waste any time on it, and get it back, and I'll return it to the owner.

Kindest regards,

Sincerely,

Richard Picker

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DATE 10/5/54 № 2814

Eric Newman

APPROVAL

ITEM	INVENTORY NUMBER	PRICE
1785 Immune Geo III	C37.29	

P.S. Wait for other 2 & then PLEASE Return Certified or Registered to me.

A.N.A. A.N.S.

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October 13, 1959

Mr. Eric P. Newman
Edison Borthers Stores Inc.
400 Washington Avenue
St. Louis 2, Miss ouri

Dear Eric:

Here's a curious one for you. Which of these, if either, is the James Wilson, signer of the D.of I. Phillips shows a John Wilson and a James Wilson as being authorized. Neither of these match exactly the signature as it appears on the replica of the D.of I. that I have. For one thing, there he signed James. I'm more inclined to believe that the Jas. Wilson note is the one, and would explain the small differences in the signature by the fact that a man, when signing an important document, is more apt to take a little more time ~~xxxxxxxxxx~~ and care, than he would when signing hundreds of comparatively unimportant notes. At any rate, let's have your considered opinion.

Have you decided whether or not you're going to speak at the ANS?

Kindest regards,

Sincerely,

Dick

Richard Picker

P.S. Did you see Harry Freeman's article in "Manuscripts" Vol XI #2 Spring 1959?

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DATE 10/13/59 Nº 2825

Eric Newman

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	ITEM	INVENTORY NUMBER	PRICE			
	Cent Corr. 9/26/78 - J Wilson $30					
	" " 1/14/79 Jas Wilson $50	155-7				

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October 14, 1959

Mr. Eric P. Newman
Edison Bros Stores, Inc
400 Washington Avenue
St. Louis 2, Missouri

Dear Eric:

Just received these two from Cyril. I gave them a cursory examination, but could not find any undertype on the silver. Perhaps your more discerning eye will find something. I remember John Ford telling me of a bronze with a die break in just about the same position as this planchet defect, and I told him that perhaps in a photo, it appeared to be a break, but he insisted that there was one with a break. If he was working from photos alone, this may have been the one. I'm not certain of the pedigree of these pieces, but I strongly suspect that they were the ~~XXXXX~~ Hines specimens.

Cyril asked me to mention to you that he would like them back without too much delay, so, I'm mentioning it. Also, please Certify or Register these coins. They aren't mine as you know, and I'd like to see every precaution taken with them.

Did you ever do anything about trying to pin down those die punches? If not, and if you'd like to send them on to me, I think that I know somebody who's equipped, and who might tackle the job. It would be very interesting to find out exactly what they are.

Kindest regards,

Sincerely,

Richard Picker

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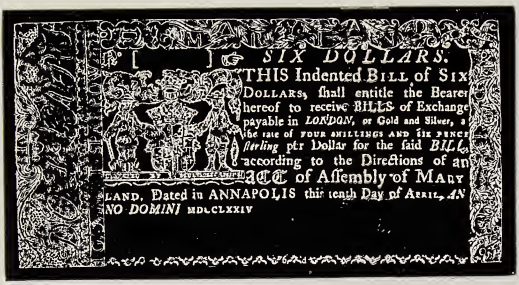
DATE 10/14/59 Nº 2830

Eric P. Newman

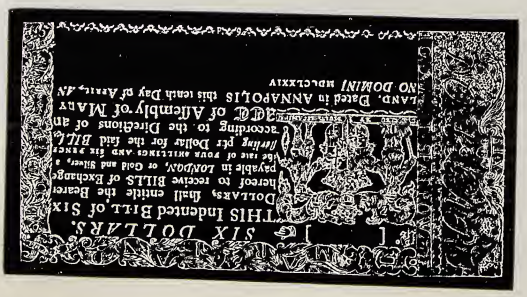
APPROVAL

	ITEM	INVENTORY NUMBER	PRICE			
	1785 Immune Columbia Bronze	C33-2				
	1785 " " Silver	C33-3				



SIX DOLLARS.

THIS Indented BILL of SIX DOLLARS, shall entitle the Bearer hereof to receive BILLS of Exchange payable in LONDON, or Gold and Silver, at the rate of FOUR SHILLINGS AND SIX PENCE Sterling per Dollar for the said BILL, according to the Directions of an ACT of Assembly of MARYLAND. Dated in ANNAPOLIS this tenth Day of APRIL, ANNO DOMINI MDCCLXXIV



October 14, 1959

Mr. Richard Picker
P.O. Box 366
Albertson, Long Island, New York

Dear Dick:

The reason I could not return the copper plate of the Maryland Colonial sooner was that I sent it to the printer to get an impression. I am enclosing two copies, one of which you can give your customer, if you wish, even though the black and white are reversed because my printer had no engraving printing process.

Notes of this nature were typeset and a copper plate alone is indicative of counterfeiting. A modern copper plate of this kind is, as you have found out, even worse.

I am returning the Maryland paper note which you sent me as well as the interesting New York Colonial paper money advertisement of the Fall River line. The Rhode Island piece, in pewter, is, of course, a cast, and it is enclosed.

I hope you read the New York Times of October 11 giving the data on European counterfeiting of current coins and rare coins. This will certainly create a fantastic mess.

I do not believe I can come to the coin meeting on the night of November 13 as it would mean my leaving work very early here; however, if you feel it is appropriate you may state that the American Numismatic Society has no objection to non-members attending an educational program of this nature and I certainly will enjoy meeting any of your New York group who care to come.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN

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October 21, 1959

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Mr. Eric Newman
400 Washington Av.
St. Louis 2, Mo.

Dear Eric:

Thanks for the return of the items with yours of the 14th. I thought I would get a little more of a rise out of you with that New York/Fall River piece. I've never seen or heard of anything like that before and it does look as if it was used for money.

I didn't see the article in the "Times" of Oct. 11, to which you refer. If you still have it, I would like to borrow it or see a copy of it.

If you can possibly manage it, I think you would enjoy the New York meeting but if not, I will certainly make the announcement that you will be speaking at the ANS the next day. Also, I hope that we'll be able to spend some time together.

Rather than tell you about the book that I have, which isn't new, (1918) but I think you haven't seen before and will get a kick out of it, I will show it to you when you get to New York.

Cyril and I both appreciate your efforts.

Kindest regards.

Sincerely,

Richard Picker.

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P.S. ANS will send invitations to any that you wish — just send them names & addresses

October 26, 1959

Mr. Richard Picker
P.O.Box 366
Albertson
Long Island, New York

Dear Dick:

Enclosed is the article from the New York Times of October 11, 1959 and it will be of great interest to you. You may keep it.

I am photographing and studying Cyril's coins, etc.

I will return the open items, in due course.

Kindest regards.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN

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October 30, 1959

Dear Eric:

Thanks for the letter and the article. It's very interesting. I knew about the Gold dollars, and had seen some. A friend showed me a few he'd bought in Switzerland for about $2.50 or $3.00. The larger ones that are coming in, I still suspect, but so far, nothing has been proven.

I've just been offered a pretty set of notes, and would like your advice on them. It's the 8 piece set of New Hampshire 4/1/37, and is represented to be reprinted from the original plates. They're all unc and unsigned and unnumbered. If you'd like to see them, I could forward them. My question is Dr., what kind of an offer can I make for them? Or, are they worthless to begin with? Also, have you decided to come up with anything in trade for those colonial notes, or, must I price them? Please let me know, they're still sitting there waiting for you.

Henry told me that you're definitely going to speak at the ANS on the 14th. I'll be looking forward to it. Would also hope that you might reconsider and come in for the N.Y. meeting the night before. If you do, I can pick you up at the airport on my way into town, and we can go together. In the event that you arrive Saturday, I can pick you up on my way to the ANS. So, let me know your plans, perhaps I can be of some help. Also, will you have any time to spare here in N.Y. so that we can talk? I saw Ned Barnsley at the Atlantic City Convention last week-end, and told him of your talk. He'll be there if possible.

Kindest regards,

Sincerely,

Richard Picker

P.S. Your proposed talk was announced at the Bronx Dinner, and there may be a few from that club who'll come.

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November 2, 1959

Mr. Richard Picker
P.O.Box 366 Albertson
Long Island, New York

Dear Dick:

I will bring back all of the openitems between us when I come to New York for the 14th. We arrive at LaGuardia at 8:05 P. M. on TWA. (My wife is coming too). My wife plans for us to meet some friends that evening. If that does not work out I will gladly come to the coin club meeting. On Saturday night we go to the Harmonie Club to a fancy dance.

I plan to come out to ANS reasonably early Saturday morning and will have all day to talk to you and other friends.

It was nice for you to mention my talk at the Bronx dinner. Let me know exactly where your New York club meets and how long the meetings last in the event I could slip in later.

The New Hampshire reprints are from the original plates and were printed many years ago. They are not particularly scarce as reprints. As to the advice on value, I can only state that this is a subject I know nothing about. The originals are unobtainable. I have all of them in my collection.

Barnsley wrote me he was coming. Fuld is coming from Boston, if possible and if we get a few more we can have a convention.

I hope my talk doesn't lay an egg. I will try to deliver it in Latin, show the slides out of focus and upside down, read long excerpts from books, limit my talk to three hours to insure its reception, and is it all right to address the group as "roll collectors", "speculators", and "fuddy-duddies"?

Sincerely,

EPW/atb

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November 4, 1959

Dear Eric:

Thanks for the nice letter. I especially liked the last paragraph, and read it to a numbe of people over the phone today. One suggestion was made that I copy it, and let the man who introduces you at the ANS, read it. Sorry you're arriving so late Friday. Our N.Y. club meets for dinner at 6:30 PM, and we usually break up about 9:30. Should your plans change, and you arrive earlier, we meet at the N.Y.U. club, 123 West 43rd Street. Would love to see you there. I don't know, you get to N.Y. once and go to a fancy dance. We haven't been to a dance in years. I guess we're just suburbanites, and stick in the muds. If you let me know where you're staying, if it's at all possible, I'll pick you up, and we can go on to the ANS together. Try to remember to bring those punches. I told this fellow about them, and he seems to think he can pin them down. Do you know if any Gaillard ever signed anything other than Theodore Jr., on the South Carolina issue? By the way, you left out a category, there are now bag collectors. One dealer brought about 10 bags of 1959 nickels to the Atlantic City convention, and sold them all!!! You didn't mention anything about those notes. Will you bring some trading material along with you? Or, do you want me to price them? You know how I feel about ~~xxxx~~ pricing them, but if that's the only way you'll have it, let me know, and I'll do it.

Kindest regards,

Sincerely,

Dick

Richard Picker

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November 7, 1959

Dear Eric:

Of course you must be busy, but here's another one for you to try to pin down before you come east. It may turn out to be a nothing, but, I can't seem to locate the obverse. Perhaps I need a set of photographic plates.

Some time ago, you mentioned that Mort Stack was correct when he said that another Jew other than Ben Levy signed Continental money (Ben Jacobs). I also have that signature, but, where did you pin down the information that he was Jewish? I can't find him listed in the Jewish Encyclopedia. Mort also said that Abrams signing on N.Y. notes and, Stark on Virginia were also Jewish. I can't find listings for them either. Have you been able to find other sources for this information? Is it correct? Are there any others?

Kindest regards,

Sincerely,

Richard Picker

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November 9, 1959

Mr. Richard Picker
P.O.Box 366 Albertson
Long Island, New York

Dear Dick:

It is very nice for you to want to call for me and take me to ANS but I will probably be in Scarsdale on Saturday morning and take the train in to the city and then go to the Savoy Plaza. As soon as I check in I will go right out to ANS by subway. It is better that way.

If you think I want to go to a fancy dance, you are free to do so - but my wife is coming too.

I will bring the punches and all other items which I have belonging to your or your clients.

I am sorry I cannot attend your New York Club's dinner meeting but will look forward to meeting any of them who choose to come to ANS the next afternoon.

Sincerely,

ERIC P. NEWMAN

EPN/atb

November 14, 1959

Mr.Richard Picker
P.O.Box 366 Albertson
Long Island, New York

Dear Dick:

I am herewith returning the three punches which you loaned me, the copper and silver Immune Columbia, two pieces of Continental Currency with the Wilson signature, and a George III Immune Columbia.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN

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November 25, 1959

Dear Eric:

Please excuse the delay in congratulating you on the fine talk. It was excellent. I know that I enjoyed it very much, as did everybody with whom I talked. You should do this more often, here. I still haven't returned the Immunes to Cyril, but will do so today. You still can't convince me that the bronze piece has a die break. I've studied it under a ten power glass, and every indication points to a planchet defect. Also, I can't imaging how a break in the die could lift the metal, if it weren't already defective. That would have to be a pretty high incidence of co-incidence, having a die break in the exact place of a defective point on the planchet, and raise it so that there is no indication of the break. I've spoken to Doug Smith, who's a collector of the die varieties, and die break progressions of the draped bust large cents. He has an excellent collection of them, probably unsurpassed, and has studied breaks and defects quite a good deal. Though he wasn't able to come out to see this piece, I described it to him, along with the theory, and in all of his experience, he hasn't seen or heard of anything like it. In any event, I don't want to hold the coin indefinitely, so will return it to Cyril, and ask him to keep it handy to lend to me again. If and when you let me know that you're coming on to N.Y., I'll borrow it again, and also borrow a stereo microscope, and we can examine it again, and that instrument ought to answer any question about it.

In going over my original slips, on those punches, I find that I have listed 10 copper test bars. Frankly, I don't remember 10 bars, or, just how many there were, but if you find a number of them around, and can't remember where they came from, they're probably mine. But, don't put any time into it, they're unimportant, and, the entry may have been in error. On the same subject, I remember that you had a number of these punches of your own. Would it be possible for me to borrow these so that we can run tests on all of them at one time?

After our talk, I'm assuming that you're going to round up some coins that you feel will be a fair trade for this Colonial paper that I have. Is this a correct assumption?

extra yours

Did you see the article in the SCRAPBOOK, November, by Walter Thompson???

Kindest regards, and happy Thanksgiving,

Sincerely,

Richard Picker

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November 28, 1959

Dear Eric:

Was just checking over some of my Massachusetts silver, and find that I have these two "transitional pieces". Thought you might like to see them, and record them

Kindest regards,

Sincerely,

Richard Picker

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December 3, 1959

Dear Eric:

Here's another one to play with. I saw this in the collection of a friend, and borrowed it to show you. Though you may have seen it, I've never seen an X like this one. As far as I know it isn't for sale or trade, but if you think it's interesting enough, I can see what I can do.

Have been expecting a letter from you re: that Colonial paper.

Kindest regards,

Sincerely,

Dick

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